

Health Insurance Coverage 2007

This report presents data on health insurance coverage for District of Columbia residents and some national comparisons. The data were obtained from information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau in their Annual Social and Economic Supplements (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). In general, the data showed that the number of people with health insurance coverage increased between 2006 and 2007, while the number of people without health insurance coverage decreased. The results were not uniform across demographic groups. The percentage of people without health insurance decreased for White non-

Hispanics, Blacks and Hispanics, while the percentage for Asians increased.

District of Columbia Health Insurance Coverage

All people in the District

- In the District of Columbia, the number of people with health insurance coverage increased from 503,000 (88.4 percent) in 2006 to 526,000 (90.5 percent) in 2007 (Table 1).

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Table 1: Health Insurance Coverage Status: District of Columbia 1999 to 2007

Year	All People	Covered		Not Covered	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007	582,000	526,000	90.5	55,000	9.5
2006	569,000	503,000	88.4	66,000	11.6
2005	540,000	468,000	86.8	71,000	13.2
2004	547,000	479,000	87.7	67,000	12.3
2003	554,000	478,000	86.3	76,000	13.7
2002	572,000	500,000	87.5	72,000	12.5
2001	554,000	487,000	87.9	67,000	12.1
2000	553,000	478,000	86.4	75,000	13.6
1999	545,000	469,000	86.0	76,000	14.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2005 to 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplements

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- The number of people without health insurance coverage decreased from 66,000 (11.6 percent) in 2006 to 55,000 (9.5 percent) in 2007.
- The percentage of people covered by private health insurance increased from 67 percent in 2006 to 67.7 percent in 2007 (Figure 1).
- The number and percentage of people covered by government health insurance increased slightly from the 2006 level of 31.3 percent (178,000 persons) to 31.6 percent (184,000 persons) in 2007.
- The number of people covered by Medicaid (a subcategory of government health insurance) increased between 2006 and 2007, from 117,000 to 120,000.
- (Note: The estimates by type of coverage are not mutual exclusive; people can be covered by more than one type of health insurance during the year).

Children under 18 years in the District

- The number of children (people under 18 years old) in the District of Columbia without health insurance decreased from 10,000 (8.7 percent) in 2006 to 7,000 (6.2 percent) in 2007.
- The number of children covered remained the same from 2006 to 2007 at 105,000. Of the 112,000 children under 18 years old in 2007, 63,000 (56.1 percent) had private health insurance and 46,000 (41.0 percent) had government health insurance.

Seniors 65 years and over in the District

- For the 65 years and over age group in the District of Columbia the number without health insurance decreased from 2,000 (3.2 percent) in 2006 to 1,000 (1.5 percent) in 2007.
- The number of seniors covered by health insurance increased from 61,000 in 2006

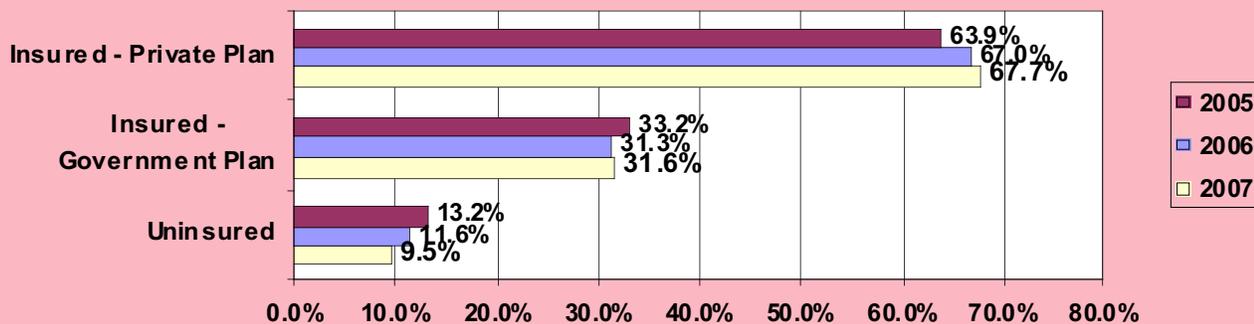
to 65,000 in 2007. Eighty-eight percent of seniors were covered by Medicare.

National Health Insurance Coverage

- Nationally, the number of people with health insurance coverage increased from 249.8 million in 2006 to 253.4 million in 2007.
- There was a slight increase in the percentage of those covered, from 84.2 percent in 2006 to 84.7 percent in 2007.
- Both the number and percent of people without health insurance decreased in 2007. Those without health insurance decreased from 47 million (15.8 percent) in 2006 to 45.6 million (15.3 percent) in 2007.
- Nationally, the percentage of people covered by private health insurance increased slightly between 2006 and 2007 at 201.6 million (67.9 percent) and 201.9 million (67.5 percent), respectively.

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Figure 1: Coverage by Type of Health Insurance: District of Columbia 2005-2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2005 to 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplements

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- Government health insurance coverage had larger increases relatively to private insurance coverage. Numbers were up by almost 3 million in 2007 over 2006 (80.2 to 83 million). The majority were covered by Medicare (41.3 million) and Medicaid (39.5 million).
- The number and the percentage of children under 18 years old with health insurance increased between 2006 and 2007, from 65.4 million to 66.2 million, and from 88.3 percent to 89.0 percent, respectively.
- The uninsured rate for children under 18 years was 11.0 percent in 2007, down from 11.7 percent in 2006.

- The uninsured rate and the number of uninsured for non-Hispanic Whites decreased in 2007 to 10.4 percent and 20.5 million (from 10.8 percent and 21.2 million in 2006).
- The percentage of uninsured Blacks decreased from 20.5 percent in 2006 to 19.5 percent in 2007, but the number of uninsured Blacks was not statistically different at 7.4 million.
- The percentage of uninsured Hispanics was down two points to 32.0 percent in 2007. The number of uninsured Hispanics stands at 14.8 million in 2007 down from 15.3 million in 2006.

- The uninsured rate for Asians increased to 16.8 percent from 15.5 percent in 2006.

Table 2 shows the 3-year averages (2005-2007) for people without health insurance coverage by race and Hispanic origin at the national level. Among all races, white non-Hispanics had the lowest uninsured rate (10.6 percent). American Indians and Alaska Natives had the highest 3-year-average uninsured rate (32.1 percent), followed by Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (20.5 percent) and Blacks (19.6 percent). Hispanics (who could be of any race) had an uninsured rate of 32.8 percent.

**Table 2: People Without Health Insurance Coverage by Race and Hispanic Origin
3-Year Averages: 2005-2007**

Race and Hispanic Origin	3-year Average 2005-2007	
	Number	Percentage
All races	45,822,000	15.4
White	34,578,000	14.5
White, not Hispanic	20,873,000	10.6
Black	7,343,000	19.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	809,000	32.1
Asian	2,147,000	16.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	140,000	20.5
Hispanic origin (any race)	14,673,000	32.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2005 to 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplements

Health Insurance Coverage by State

As shown in Table 3, comparing across all states and the District of Columbia using 3-year average, uninsured rates for 2005-2007 show that Texas (24.4 percent) had the highest percent of uninsured, while Hawaii (8.3 percent) had the lowest percent. The District of Columbia's uninsured rate was 11.4 percent in 2005-2007, 4 percent lower than the national rate of 15.4 percent, and also lower than the uninsured rates for the nearby states of Maryland and Virginia, both with a rate of 13.6 percent.

Table 3: Percentage of People Without Health Insurance Coverage by State Using 3 -Year Averages: 2004-2006 and 2005-2007

State	3-Year Average 2005-2007 (percentage)	3-Year Average 2004-2006 (percentage)
United States	15.4	15.3
Alabama	13.9	14.1
Alaska	17.3	16.7
Arizona	19.6	19.0
Arkansas	17.5	17.5
California	18.6	18.5
Colorado	16.7	16.6
Connecticut	9.9	10.4
Delaware	11.8	12.5
District of Columbia	11.4	12.4
Florida	20.5	20.3
Georgia	17.8	17.6
Hawaii	8.3	8.6
Idaho	14.7	14.9
Illinois	13.7	13.6
Indiana	12.3	13.1
Iowa	9.4	9.3
Kansas	11.8	11.1
Kentucky	13.8	13.8
Louisiana	19.4	18.5
Maine	9.5	9.5
Maryland	13.6	13.5
Massachusetts	8.3	10.3
Michigan	10.8	10.6
Minnesota	8.5	8.5
Mississippi	18.8	18.1
Missouri	12.5	12.3
Montana	16.1	17.0
Nebraska	12.0	11.1
Nevada	17.9	18.3
New Hampshire	10.5	10.4
New Jersey	15.2	14.6
New Mexico	21.9	21.0
New York	13.4	13.2
North Carolina	16.6	16.0
North Dakota	11.1	11.1
Ohio	11.0	10.7
Oklahoma	18.2	18.7
Oregon	16.8	16.6
Pennsylvania	9.8	10.2
Rhode island	10.3	10.2
South Carolina	16.5	16.0
South Dakota	11.2	11.6
Tennessee	13.9	13.4
Texas	24.4	24.1
Utah	15.6	15.7
Vermont	11.0	10.8
Virginia	13.6	13.2
Washington	12.1	12.5
West Virginia	14.9	15.5
Wisconsin	8.8	9.4
Wyoming	14.3	14.0

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